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Historical Society of Palm Desert

P. O. Box 77, Palm Desert, CA 92261 March, 1988 NEWSLETTER

IT WAS LIKE OLD TIMES. . when nearly 70 people gathered at the Mission Hills Resort Hotel in December. Those present enjoyed hearing about the early days of the grape and date industry in the Valley, as well as greeting friends they'd not seen since our last get-together.

APRIL 15th and 16th. . . Are the dates of our HERITAGE SALE. We need your items. We need not only salable items of furniture, books, and miscellaneous (no clothing, please). . .but anything you have which we can use in our museum. .anything of historic importance to our area.

This year, we are adding a "cookie counter" to our sale. Anyone who can make home-made cookies, please package them in a plastic bag (12 to a bag), so that they will remain fresh. Cookies should be delivered Friday morning of the sale (15th). We would like to have every member bring a package of 12 cookies, so that we will have a good assortment.

SALE DAY COOKIES, TOO

Remember . . . sale dates April 15th and 16th - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are unable to deliver your items to the building, 72-861 El Paseo, on either Wednesday or Thursday - April 6, 7, 13, or 14 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, please call and we shall arrange a pickup on Saturday the 9th. Call 346-5353 or 346-6588 and leave a message with your name and telephone number so that we may return your call.

FOUNDER'S DAY. . . . . Is May 15, 1988. Look for further announcement regarding this, but keep the date open.

HISTORIC BUILDING. . . . The survey has now been completed on the former fire station in order that Riverside County will proclaim it as a building of historic importance. We are indebted to many who assisted in this information - including the first Fire Chief, Bob Keedy.

WE'VE SAID FAREWELL. . . to some of our pioneers of the desert. . .Clarence Brown, the noted movie director; Gert Keedy, active in the formation and operation of our Library, Walter Markley, who with Christine his wife, owned one of our first gift stores; and Fred Penney, the desert artist who will be long remembered for the verbena he loved to incorporate into his paintings.

CONGRATULATIONS. . . . . to former mayor and pioneer pharmacist who has been honored with a Humanitarian award. Ed Mullins.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. . .enclosed is a statement for your annual dues.

REMEMBER. . . . we need your items for the sale. . .

we need your memorabilia for the museum. . .

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